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SUBJECT: DTLINEN

TO: []

1. Reference is made to my earlier reports on subject operation, notably those dated 18 March and 18 May 1949.

2. [] furnished me with a twelve page (single-spaced) German-language report that was prepared by subject organization, the gist of which is briefly summarized below:

3. The "Search Service," which is concerned with locating arrested persons and those interned or deported in the Soviet Zone and also with gathering information on their fates, has handled an average of 50 to 80 visitors a day. In the period from 21 April to 31 May, 1,786 inquiries on such persons were filed. The Service maintains three indexes. One is the "search index" which lists all persons on whom inquiries have been made. The second is an "index of persons found" This lists all information on inmates of Soviet Zone prisons and concentration camps regardless of whether or not information was requested on them. During the period from 21 April to 31 May, the whereabouts of 1,841 prisoners was established. This index contains more than 7,000 names of persons, 60% of whom are dead. The third is an "index of witnesses," which lists all former prisoners and other informants who have furnished information to the organization. For obvious reasons, this index is kept strictly confidential, and if reference to it is made in the other two indexes, it is done by cipher. As an indication of the recognition which this organization has been receiving, its testimony as to the death of a person is now being accepted as legal proof before several of the courts and administrative authorities of Western Berlin.

4. The second branch of the organization's activities comes under the heading of "Advice to Refugees." This service endeavors to induce people who are not in immediate danger to refrain from leaving the Soviet Zone and, on the other hand, assists, insofar as it is possible with the extremely limited means of the group, those who obviously have good reason to leave. For instance, in the month of March, this branch recommended 130 persons as political refugees but rejected the applications of 80 others since they did not appear to be in great danger or were unable to prove their stories. In addition to refugees, this branch has been approached by an increasing

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number of people living in the Soviet Zone who wish advice on either personal or political matters. The latter often request information, material and instructions on specific local political situations.

6. In addition to the above, this organization is gathering voluminous amounts of material on all crimes against humanity which are being committed in the Soviet Zone. This includes information about MVD methods, the Soviet Zone police, conditions in prisons and concentration camps as well as in the forced labor camps and the situation in the uranium mines. Thus far, the organization has not been able to utilize this wealth of material for any comprehensive publication. It has been consulted, however, by various allied agencies and has passed on isolated items of particular significance to the press. It has helped a number of meetings and manifestations in Berlin which were partly broadcast via R.I.A.S. It has also been furnishing material for the programs for the Soviet Zone broadcast by R.I.A.S. including lists of Soviet informers. In addition, it would like to carry on publicity campaigns in Western Germany and in foreign countries which it has not been able to do so far. Among the resistance groups in the Soviet Zone which contacted the organization were the students in Leipzig who asked for reading material to be distributed among students and intellectuals. In another instance, a group of several hundred young people who are in opposition to the official leader of the monopolistic news organization of the Soviet Zone, "Free German Youth," asked for leaflets to be distributed among peasants and the lower middle classes. Due to lack of funds, subject organization has not yet been able to comply with any of these requests.

7. The report ends with a detailed accounting of the receipts and expenditures of organization for the months of April and May 1949.

RECEIPTS

| <u>A. April</u> | East Marks | West Marks |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Donations | 50.00 | 1,630.00 |
| 2. Search Service (Voluntary contributions of applicants) | 1,385.20 | 767.25 |
| 3. Miscellaneous | 395.95 | 459.35 |
| TOTAL | 1,831.15 | 2,856.60 |
| <u>B. May</u> | | |
| 1. Search Service | 2,095.55 | 1,725.05 |
| 2. Donations | 150.00 | 2,230.00 |
| 3. Miscellaneous | 1,360.37 | 4,086.07 |
| TOTAL | 3,605.92 | 8,041.12 |

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(Note: The "donations" for May listed above contain our first subsidies to subject organization.)

EXPENDITURES

| | <u>April</u> | | <u>May</u> | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <u>E-Marks</u> | <u>W-Marks</u> | <u>E-Marks</u> | <u>W-Marks</u> |
| 1. Office rent | 45.00 | 45.00 | - | 90.00 |
| 2. Office maintenance | 30.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| 3. Office supplies | 103.50 | 58.70 | 73.55 | 112.50 |
| 4. Fuel and electricity | - | 11.50 | - | 38.33 |
| 5. Postage | - | 109.80 | - | 178.37 |
| 6. Telephone | 3.90 | 4.80 | - | 201.15 |
| 7. Payments for tickets | 11.70 | 81.60 | 2.00 | 211.60 |
| 8. Travel expenses | 50.00 | - | - | 250.00 |
| 9. Miscellaneous | 96.40 | 6.10 | - | 260.00 |
| 10. Wages and salaries (18 full-time workers) | 605.00 | 2,973.50 | - | 4,800.00 |
| 11. Assistance to prisoners and refugees | 308.50 | 277.60 | 47.15 | 633.26 |
| 12. Publicity | - | 35.90 | 7.66 | 244.00 |
| TOTAL | 1,264.00 | 3,624.50 | 150.36 | 7,039.21 |

8. As is obvious from a comparison of the above given figures with the preceding report on the volume to which the activities of subject organization have expanded, the organization is seriously handicapped by the lack of funds. It has submitted therefore the following proposed monthly budget:

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| 1. Office rent | 300.00 | DM |
| 2. Office maintenance | 100.00 | |
| 3. Office supplies | 400.00 | |
| 4. Fuel and electricity | 300.00 | |
| 5. Postage | 250.00 | |
| 6. Telephone | 350.00 | |
| 7. Payments for tickets | 250.00 | |
| 8. Travel expenses | 2,000.00 | |
| 9. Miscellaneous | 150.00 | |
| 10. Wages and salaries for 18 full-time workers | 4,000.00 | |
| 11. Assistance to prisoners and refugees | 2,500.00 | |
| 12. Public relations and propaganda | 2,000.00 | |
| TOTAL | 12,600.00 | DM |

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9. Lack of funds not only prevents subject organization from fully utilizing its very considerable potentialities in the various fields of its endeavor, but also involves the risk that either other allied agencies may utilize the organization (The British appear particularly interested.) or that it may relax its apparent successful maintenance of security precautions, in which case it would end its usefulness to us.

10. I therefore make the following two recommendations:

a. A one-time payment of DM 4,500, which would enable subject organization to assign two editorial workers and one typist to the task of gathering and completing the above mentioned material on crimes against humanity in the Soviet Zone, bringing it into final shape for publication as a "white book." This would involve about four to five months of work, and it is understood that I would be given the finished manuscript before further steps are taken on it. (This amount, if approved, would be paid by me to Howard L. Magee, who would transmit it to subject organization.)

b. An increase of our monthly subsidy for the current operations on subject organization from the present DM 1,000 plus [] worth of operational supplies per month to DM 5,000 plus [] worth of operational supplies per month. (This increased subsidy, if approved, would be transmitted through the same channel through which our subsidy has been going.)

10. This increase appears fully justified not only in view of the greatly expanded volume of activities of subject organization but also because this organization now offers us channels for the distribution of material into the Soviet Zone and for the establishment of contacts with resistance movements there. In order to test its ability to disseminate such material, I have arranged to supply it with 500 copies each of five different suitable pamphlets published by ISD. Colonel Textor gave me these pamphlets free of charge, and they will be handed by a safe intermediary to [] who will turn them over to the organization.

11. In choosing ISD material for this "test" distribution, I was guided by two considerations. First, we do not yet have any material of our own available, and the urgent request for propaganda material should be fulfilled as soon as possible. Second, I want to see how this distribution functions before preparing to arrange for the distribution of our future material through this organization.

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12. In view of the fact that [] will take a vacation in August and in order not to delay unduly the further progress of subject operation, I shall appreciate your approval of the above recommendations before my next trip to Berlin, which will be not later than 15 July 1949.

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